



Indiana Rural

Council

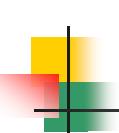
Development

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The Indiana Rural Development Council (IRDC) is a partnership of local, state, federal, profit and not-for-profit stakeholders that support Indiana communities. The IRDC's purpose is to coordinate efforts of citizens and governments to meet the economic and social needs of rural Indiana.



### Environmental Infrastructure



The Environmental Infrastructure Working Group (EIWG) is a group of representatives from various state and federal agencies that meets with communities to discuss all funding options for infrastructure projects.



### Participating Partners



- Indiana Department of Commerce
- IDEM/SBA State Revolving Loan Fund
- USDA Rural Development
- US Dept. of Commerce Economic Development Administration
- US Army Corps of Engineers
- Rural Community Assistance Program
- Alliance of Indiana Rural Water



#### **EIWG Process**



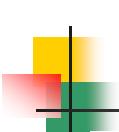
- Submit 2 page in-take document to IRDC
- Schedule meeting with EIWG
- Meeting with community leaders and assistance providers
- Follow-up with contacts





#### Remember the Golden Rule . .

Agencies want to help communities that are willing to help themselves!



# Indiana Department of Commerce

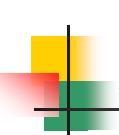
- State and Federal Planning Grants
  - Up to \$50,000 for community/project planning
- Community Focus Fund Grant
  - Up to \$500,000 for projects that benefit low-to-moderate income people

## State Revolving Loan Fund

- Low-interest loan program based on Median Household Income (2.9%-3.9%)
- No maximum or minimum request limits
- Funding for water and wastewater infrastructure improvements
- Political subdivisions eligible for wastewater funding
- Not-for-profits, privately-owned systems and political subdivisions eligible for drinking water funding



- Combination grant and loan program
- Interest rates determined by Median Household Income
- No maximum or minimum request limits
- Up to 40-years for loan payback



### **Economic Development Administration**

- Planning and construction funds
- Primary goals of program are job creation and job retention
- Targets areas with historically high unemployment rates

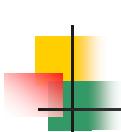


### **US Army Corps of Engineers**



# Rural Community Assistance Program

- Provide assistance with project planning
- Help to identify financing options
- Assess O & M problems and provide assistance
- Develop educational materials for public outreach



# Alliance of Indiana Rural Water

- Formerly the Indiana Water & Wastewater Association
- Circuit Rider Program
  - Water
  - Wastewater
  - Ground Water
- Training Sessions on Specific Topics



#### Benefits of EIWG



- Provides "one-stop-shopping" for communities
- Early coordination of multiple funding sources
- Face-to-face discussion with decision makers
- Program representatives understand communities' options



### Tips for EIWG Success



- Meet with EIWG early in your project
- Bring your community leaders, engineer, accountant, attorney, etc.
- Ask questions!
- Follow-up on suggestions from meeting